

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Second Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

“The Christian believer is using reason and faith to get to her beliefs just as her secular neighbor is using reason and faith to get to hers. They are both looking at the same realities in nature and human life, and both are seeking a way to make the best sense of them through a process that is rational, personal, intuitive, and social. Reason does not and cannot operate alone.”

- Tim Keller, *Making Sense of the Modern World*

“Doubt isn’t the opposite of faith. Unbelief is the opposite of faith.”

- Alice Childers, “I Never Expected to Doubt” *The Gospel Coalition* (March 6, 2019)

Teach us to care and not to care

Teach us to sit still

Even among these rocks,

Our peace in His will.

- T. S. Eliot, *Ash Wednesday*



## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,**  
before whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## † HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Come Christians Join to Sing”

**Come Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;**  
**Praise is his gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**He is our Guide and Friend, to us he’ll condescend;**  
**His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia! Amen!**  
**On Heaven’s blissful shore, his goodness we’ll adore;**  
**Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!**

## † CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:1-6

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass

and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;**

**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,**

**and your justice as the noonday.**

## † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Psalm 126”

**Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter**

**Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy**

**Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord.**

*Refrain:*

**Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing**  
**The seeds of your Kingdom for the day you will reap them.**

**Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry**  
**All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.**

**The nations will say, “He has done great things!”**

**The nations will sing songs of joy**

**Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord. (refrain)**

“Our Help and Strength”

**How long, O Lord, will you delay?**

**Our grief and sorrow lend their sound.**

**How long until Your arm will save,**

**As justice withers on the ground?**

**Look up and be amazed:**

**Before our Savior heard our cries**

**His plan was blossoming**

**To make his truth and justice rise**

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**O Holy One, eternal God**

**Will You not hear, will You not see?**

**We watch and wait, we make our plea**

**We place our hope in You to speak**

**Yet shall we hope and trust**

**Come saturate, make Your way known**

**Make faith our way of life**

**And silence us before your throne**

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**Though trees are bare and vines don’t bloom,**

**Though earth may shake and violence strike,**

**In wrath, remember mercy sweet;**

**Come save Your children from our plight**

**O God, come fill the earth**

**That all may know Your majesty**

**And we’ll take joy in You**

**Our help and strength You’ll ever be**

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## INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts**

**as we forgive our debtors,**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## † CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into Hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## † DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## † GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.  
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families  
before communion.*

## READING OF GOD’S WORD | Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:1

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON | Series - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

Sermon - “The Crucible of Faith”

- Rev. James M. Holland

## PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## SILENT CONFESSION

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.  
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)  
immediately following the service to pray with you.*



# ST. PATRICK

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPC

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | from Hebrews 7

It was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens... He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

#### **How do we take communion at St. Patrick?**

*When directed, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The white chalices contain wine; the darker ones on the tables have grape juice. The crackers on the tables are gluten-free. The elder will distribute the bread and then follow with the wine chalice. We will practice intinction, where you will dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer grape juice or need gluten-free bread, indicate your preference when the elder comes to you, then go to the table for your elements. After receiving communion, you will proceed to the outside aisle to return to your seats.*

#### **Who comes to the Table?**

*Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.*

### Upcoming Events and Giving:



### † HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

### † BENECTION | Adapted from a Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort,  
that you may seek truth and love deep within your heart.  
May God bless you with holy anger,  
that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom and peace for all.  
May God bless you with the gift of tears,  
that you may reach out your hand with empathy to comfort the brokenhearted.  
May God bless you with enough foolishness to embrace the cross,  
that you are able, by God’s grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.695 million, which represents a 2.6% increase. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended September 30, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$103,480	\$290,965
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	90,849	303,700
Favorable (unfavorable)	\$ 12,631	(\$ 12,735)

The unrestricted operating cash reserve began the current fiscal year with approximately \$914 thousand. As of September 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$109 thousand in cash restricted for our facility. This restricted cash balance will be used to fund any unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

**LOVING GOD. LOVING PEOPLE. LOVING LIFE.**

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